

(c) Government, through component of a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on development of marine fisheries provides subsidy amounting to 50% of cost of conversion of deep sea fishing trawlers into tuna long liners with a ceiling of Rs. 15 Lakhs per vessel. Marine Products Exports Development Authority (MPEDA) also have similar scheme for providing financial assistance for such conversion of trawlers into tuna long liners. In addition to this, many public sector Banks are willing to provide credit facilities on merits of such proposals.

(d) Question does not arise.

Procurement on MSP

†1029. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of wheat, gram, barley and other foodgrains procured on minimum support price under Rabi crops during 2006-07;

(b) the quantum of procurement and storage of these crops on minimum support price during 2005-06; and

(c) the reasons for this shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) The procurement of wheat during Rabi Marketing Season 2006-07 has been 92.26 lakh tonnes, while no procurement of gram and barley has taken place during 2006-07.

(b) and (c) The procurement of wheat during Rabi Marketing Season 2006-07 has been less mainly on account of high open market prices and active participation by private traders.

National Horticulture Mission and National Bamboo Mission

1030. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a National Horticulture Mission and also a National Bamboo Mission with emphasis and to display the

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